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**THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re the Application of: **Nitzan Melamed**

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed concurrently with a petition to make special.  
The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on Page 9 of this paper.